

# Preservation Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, "Discover America's Hidden Gems" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2012; and

WHEREAS, Madison has many "Hidden Gems" in our National Historic Landmark district; and

WHEREAS, many Madison residents, groups, and organizations, work hard to preserve Madison's past for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the success of Madison's downtown is largely due to historic preservation

WHEREAS, groups such as Historic Madison, Inc, Jefferson County Historical Society, and the Cornerstone Society play a large part in the success of our downtown area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Damon Welch, do proclaim May 2012 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Madison to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special month through the many activities that are happening in our community during the month of May.